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Our common home

Working as a family

Rewarding our young helpers





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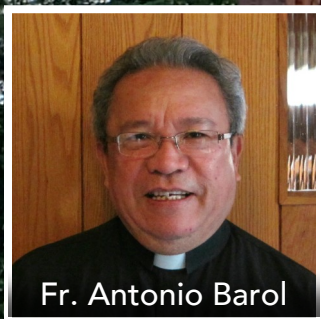
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Fr. Antonio Barol

## MORE FROM OUR PRIEST...

Wow we are almost done with the year 2019. Before we say good bye to this year let us take some time for a personal evaluation with the hope that we can assess our life's journey not only of our material gains but most especially of our spiritual journey. Remember that our journey's goal is eternal life with God and many times we fail to assess it for we are caught up with the material assessment of this passing things. Maybe we can start by reviewing our so called new year's resolution of 2018 if we ever had one. If not then just try to flash back the life's highlights of 2018, reviewing it with the desire for improvement because we are not moving away from our final destination but we are getting closer and closer.



# MORE— TOGETHER AS A FAMILY



Coffee Sunday St. Bernadette

- Working together as a Parish Family
- Remembering our heroes
- A surprise for Fr. Tony - a wish granted!
- Preparation for Saturdays bazaar



Fall Clean-up at St. Bernadette



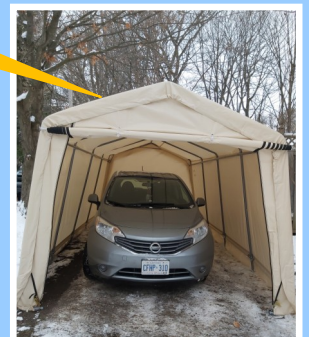
Fall Clean-up St. Thomas More



Preparing for the Bazaar



Surprise!!



# MORE COMING UP...



**PARISH FAMILY ANNUAL  
CHRISTMAS POTLUCK  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 5:00 PM**

- FUN For everyone
- BRING your Favourite SWEET or SAVOURY DISH
- PLS bring your OWN plates & UTENSILS
- SURPRISE Guest....

(PLEASE SIGN-UP CHILDREN UNDER AGE OF 12 AT THE ENTRANCE TO CHURCH)



**Enjoy homemade snacks, refreshments and  
fellowship every third Sunday  
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*coffee Sunday*

*December  
15th*

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**First Reconciliation**

**First Communion**

**Confirmation**

**Enrollment November 24th  
Preparation begins this fall.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

OCTOBER 2019

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# OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

It is our hope that our spiritual journey is always towards the direction to where God wants us to be, to be with Him forever. We just celebrated All Saints day that we honor those whose life's journey were an example for us. We also remember those who are gone ahead but who are still in the process of purification that through God's mercy they will be admitted into eternal happiness. Let us remember those who fought for our rights and freedom that we are free to worship the God we believed and we are free to express our ideas.

In December we focus on the gift of God the Father to us, His only begotten Son Jesus to dwell with us on Christmas. So let us put Christ in Christmas because he is the reason of the season and let us greet one another with Merry Christmas, and avoid all kinds of commercialism during this season because we ourselves, are already caught up in this cycle of buying. Please, make the Christmas masses a top priority this season, which we try to bring families together, because Christmas is about families. God the Father willed that His only Son Jesus will become part of our human family, to teach us that we all are God's beloved family. Try to do something this Christmas especially reaching out to our brothers and sisters in need in our community and in the world.

## CHRISTMAS WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

**4:00 PM St. Thomas More - Millbrook with Family participation**

**7:00 PM St. Bernadette, Nestleton**

**Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day**

**10:00 AM St. Thomas More, Millbrook (No mass in Nestleton)**

**Tuesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve**

**3:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour  
(Divine Mercy chaplet)**

**3:40 PM Holy Rosary followed by Benediction.**

**4:00 PM Mass - for the intention of Pope Francis for Peace and  
Reconciliation in the world**

**Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God**

**(A Day of Obligation)**

**9:00 AM – St. Thomas More, Millbrook**

**11:00 AM – St. Bernadette, Nestleton**

# MORE INFORMATION...

## DEVELOPMENT & PEACE



‘The native Amazonian peoples have probably never been so threatened on their own lands as they are now.’- Pope Francis, Peru, January 2018.

This is true for Indigenous peoples, but also for traditional communities of the Amazon. Here are two communities in Brazil under threat:

- The way of life of Machadinho d'Oeste's *seringueiros* (artisanal rubber tappers) is being destroyed by industrial logging.
- The Mura Indigenous people of Manaus were not consulted before a phosphate mining company began operations on their lands.

**Sign the Development and Peace - Caritas Canada Solidarity Letter today to support these two communities.** Your signatures will allow us to call for their protection and respect of their rights.

Together, let's defend the defenders of the Amazon. To sign the Solidarity Letter online: [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act).

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday November 23

4:00pm—For the People

Sunday November 24

9:00am - Intentions of CWMC

11:00am - All Souls in purgatory

Saturday November 30

4:00pm - Int. of Bernard & Fran  
Ironsides

Sunday December 1 –

9:00am—For the People

11:00am— All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday December 7

4:00pm - For the People

Sunday December 8

9:00am—All Souls in Purgatory

11:00am—for the People

Saturday December 14

4:00pm—for the People

Sunday December 15

9:00am—Intention of Fr. Tony

11:00am—All Souls in purgatory

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

**those who are sick, especially:**

Erica Perk, Alma Arbeau, Shirley  
Kloeper, and Monica Perk

**and those who have died, especially:**

John Sagan

Contact Fr. Tony to have a name  
added to this list for four weeks

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

The future of the Very Young: That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.



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